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DEPT REPEAT TO USUN FOR AMB YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: COMMENT ON HELEN SUZMAN

1. COLIN EGLIN, HEAD OF THE PRP PARTY, HAS ASKED EMBASSY WHETHER WE COULD OBTAIN INFORMATION ON CIRCUMSTANCES AND ACCURACY OF REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG ABOUT PRP MP HELEN SUZMAN, WHICH APPEARED IN TODAY'S CAPE TIMES.

2. RICHARD WALKER, WRITING FROM NEW YORK, CITES COLUMNIST MARY MCGRORY AS QUOTING AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO THIS EFFECT: WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS "DON'T SEEM THAT PERSONALLY HOSTILE... IT SEEMS A MORE INSTITUTIONALIZED HOSTILITY, NOT AS BAD AS THE SOUTH. I DON'T HAVE TO TALK BAD TO THOSE WHITE LEADERS. THE HARDER-LINE THEY ARE, THE BETTER I GET ALONG WITH THEM. I UNDERSTAND CONSERVATIVES. THE ONLY SOUTH AFRICAN I CAN'T GET ALONG WITH IS HELEN SUZMAN... I CAN'T STAND PATERNAL LIBERALISM."

3. EGLIN EXPLAINED THT ALLEGED REMARKS ARE CERTAIN TO BE RAISED IN PARLIAMENT. HE EXPECTS HELEN SUZMAN'S
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DETRACTORS TO USE IT AGAINST HER AND HE CANNOT REMAIN SILENT. PRP CAUCUS ASKED HIM TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER QUOTATION IS ACCURATE AND IF SO CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH REMARKS WERE MADE. EGLIN SAID HE PREFERS NOT TO RESPOND ON BASIS OF NEWSPAPER STORY, ACCURACY OF WHICH IS ALWAYS IN DOUBT.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON RESPONSE.

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